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BRIDGE GOES TO MARS BLUFF

Engineers Decide that Mars Bluff Crossing is More Practical.

Daylight broke for the Pee Dee Bridge this afternoon says the Daily Times, when the State Highway Commission expressed its preference for the location of the proposed bridge at Mars Bluff Ferry or about 350 feet above it and instructed the State Highway Department to proceed with the preparation of plans and specifications for the construction of a bridge at the point named.

The decision of the Pee Dee Bridge Commission was reached after an executive session lasting for more than an hour. It has met with the general approval of the citizens of Marion, Dillon, Florence and other counties who were present when it was announced all of them favoring the placing of the bridge below the railroad.

The meeting today was called for the purpose of untangling the Pee Dee Bridge site question and appears to have had a happy ending for all concerned.

Senator Arthur Young of Charleston, and Mr. R. G. Rhett, chairman of the state highway commission stated at the outset of the meeting that the settlement of the question was one that should be left to Florence and Marion counties as being most concerned in a financial way. "It is not an engineering question," they declared.

It was suggested that the Bridge Commission get together and decide upon the location it wanted and then take the matter of Federal aid up with the proper authorities. This is exactly what was done at the meeting today.

Among those who were present for the meeting today were A. E. Loder, District Engineer, U. S. Bureau of Public Roads, Montgomery, Ala.; O. Grover, Bridge Engineer, Washington, D. C.; C. H. Moorefield, State Highway Engineer; J. L. Parker, Special Bridge Engineer, State Highway Department; C. D. Sneed, Bridge Engineer of Montgomery, Ala.; Col. J. M. Johnson, Engineer of Marion County; Representative E. P. Hughes of Marion county; P. W. Johnson, Editor of the Marion Star; W. McG. Bueck of Mullins, Dr. Wade Stackhouse of Dillon, Senator M. C. Harrelson of Marion county, Wm. F. Berguson of Charleston, Representative Marvin Lewis of Marion county, Engineer Dick Johnson and Roberts of Marion, "Dutch" McKerral of Marion and others. Florence was well represented at the meeting, among those present being Senator D. G. Baker and Mayor Barringer. There was no public discussion outside of the statements of Messrs. Young and Rhett.

LATE LATTI NEWS.

O. J. Zeigler who taught here during the past year is spending this week in Spartanburg.

D. M. Dew went to Hartsville on Monday of this week to attend a trustee's meeting, he being a member of the Board of Trustees of Coker College.

Bert McLaurin of Floydale was a visitor here Tuesday.

Miss Sallie Bethea has returned after having spent a week visiting friends and relatives in Little Rock and Dillon.

H. E. Smith a student of Carlisle Military Institute came home Tuesday morning to spend his vacation.

Mrs. D. G. Manship and children of Elberton spent the afternoon of Tuesday in town.

W. J. Summerlin who has been for several weeks in Wilson, N. C., for treatment has returned from that place very much improved in health, much to the delight of his many friends.

Misses Katherine Bethea and Mildred Smith students of Lander College came home Tuesday night for vacation.

Miss Elizabeth Braddy a student of Columbia College arrived Tuesday night for her vacation.

Miss Gertrude Manning was in Columbia Monday and Tuesday of this week attending commencement exercises of Columbia College.

Miss Irene Mullinix a student of Lander passed through Latta Tuesday night on her way to Bingham, the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Mullinix.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Williams and daughter Miss Edith of Mallory spent Tuesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. W. Ellis Bethea.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Bethea and Mrs. W. Ellis Bethea motored to Marion Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. A. R. Edwards after having spent a couple of weeks with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Brown returned to her home in Charlotte Wednesday morning.

A London man placed a plum pudding in a tin box embedded in a sack of lime. Tying a rope to it he lowered the sack ten feet below the surface of the Thames. When raised to the surface at the expiration of two hours the pudding was found to be cooked thoroughly. On contact with the water the lime slacked, causing sufficient heat to cook the pudding.

Produced Services
The Milley-Hooker protracted meeting is in full blast in Latta Presbyterian church at 9 a. m. and 8:15 p. m.

BIG CROWD SEES RACES.

A large crowd witnessed the races in Dillon Monday. They were up to the usual high standard and everyone came away pleased. The crowd was in the best of humor and a spirit of good fellowship seemed to manifest itself throughout the afternoon. Winners were as follows: 2:27 trot, North East, owned by T. B. Thompson, Dillon; second, Idol Burgen, owned by C. McLaurin, Dillon; third, Bonita Guy, owned by Jenks McQueen, Dillon; fourth, Peter Silver, owned by J. C. Davis, of Dillon.

2:30 pace, Virginia Boy, owned by Wyatt Oliver, Marion; second, Kinbrook, owned by T. G. Covington, Clito; third, My Adelin, owned by J. B. Gibson, Dillon; fourth, Hal Jr., owned by J. H. Wiggins, Dillon.

2:16 trot: Won by Chochata Watts, owned by M. S. Britt, Little Rock; second, Future Tramp, owned by Jenks McQueen; third, Clifton, owned by J. F. Gainey, of Darlington; fourth, Liberty, owned by M. S. Britt, of Little Rock.

Free for all: High Diver won first, owned by Jenks McQueen; second, Tiptop owned by M. S. Britt, Little Rock; third, Little Lady, owned by M. S. Britt; fourth, Black Beauty, owned by Wyatt Oliver, Marion.

COUNTY HAPPENINGS.

Fork.
Miss Alma Rogers has returned home after spending some time in Charlotte, N. C. and was accompanied by Mrs. J. C. Blake and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Rogers and family of Free State spent Sunday with Mrs. Hattie Bethea.

Mrs. W. N. Goodyear and daughter, Grace, of Lake View spent a few days here last week with relatives.

Mr. C. M. Taylor has returned to his home at Melrose, Va., after spending three weeks with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Taylor.

Messrs. Eugene Carmichael, Carroll Braswell and Burt Roberts, who have been attending Wofford College Fitting School, are home for the summer.

Col. R. L. Carmichael of Washington is spending a few days here with his mother, Mrs. Annie Carmichael.

Mrs. Bill Rose of Columbia is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Calhoun.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Rogers of Dillon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers.

Carolina

Misses Pearl McLaurin, Maude and Emma Kate McInnis, students of Flora MacDonald returned to their homes last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Peters of Jacksonville, Fla., are visiting at the home of Mrs. Peters parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Henderson.

On Saturday afternoon little Vera Bennett entertained sixteen of her little friends on the occasion of her fifth birthday. The little guests enjoyed merry outdoor games, after which they were invited into the dining room where they were served ice cream and pound cake.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. White are visiting Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. Mary McInnis.

Miss Pauline Cobb of Rowland, with Mr. A. K. Robertson and little daughter, Nannie Jane, of Goldsboro, N. C., spent Thursday with Mrs. D. D. McInnis.

Misses Lola and Lucy Bennett are attending commencement at Rowland this week.

Mrs. C. M. McInnis visited in the home of her son Jack at Clito last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Henderson left Saturday for Clinton to attend commencement at the Presbyterian College where their son Dan graduates this year.

Miss Beulah McInnis spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. Gus Alford of Dillon.

Mrs. Jim McQueen and son, John L. of Rowland visited relatives here last Tuesday.

Floydale.

Rev. S. J. Bethea preached to a very appreciative audience at K. Andrew church Sunday morning.

Miss Virginia Thompson who taught in Floydale school for two years and is pleasantly remembered here will visit Mrs. J. H. Stackhouse this week. Miss Thompson has lots of friends who will give her a hearty welcome.

Miss Eva Crosby is attending commencement exercises of Columbia college.

JNO. L. McLAURIN TO HANDLE PATRONAGE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Is Now in Conference With Republican Leaders in Washington.

Columbia, May 27—Former Senator John L. McLaurin of Bennettsville will control the Republican patronage for South Carolina. He is in Washington now and yesterday held a conference with C. Bascom Slemp, of Virginia and President Harding.

Telegraphic advices received in Columbia today state that McLaurin has been placed in charge of the Republican patronage. Joseph W. Tolbert, the present Republican committeeman for the state will be almost a figurehead, according to the Washington advices.

W. H. Andrews of Georgetown, former State Senator Banks, of St. Matthews, and J. Mortimer of Bennettsville, are also in Washington with Mr. McLaurin.

It is stated that the appointment for the state will probably be help up for a few weeks until after the Republican committee meeting June 8 when a new Republican chairman John T. Andrews of Igwa, takes charge.

While with the President, Mr. McLaurin talked cotton and it is stated that the President indicated to Mr. McLaurin his entire willingness to have the administration help the South in whatever ways are possible.

A lowering of their discount rates is being sought, it is said.

HAL BOY BRINGS FANCY PRICE.

Mr. J. B. Gibson made a trip to Newark, Delaware, last week and sold his trotter Hal Boy to Mr. J. F. Boyer, a wealthy manufacturer and horse fancier of Norristown, Penn., for the reported price of \$2500.00. This is the same horse that plowed on Mr. J. W. Hamer's place last year, and was owned by a colored man, Hesikiah McRae. Hal Boy created quite a sensation last summer at the colored races here, and as a result was purchased by Mr. Gibson, who had him raced with considerable success on the North Carolina Circuit last fall, showing his ability to beat 2:15. In March of this year the horse was sent to Delaware and placed in the hands of Trainer H. R. Tyson, preparatory to a campaign in the north. His training was so impressive that offers for his purchase were made, finally resulting in Mr. Gibson selling him to the gentleman above named. The horse was shipped on last Wednesday from Delaware to Belmont Track, Philadelphia, and becomes the stable companion of Grace Direct 2:00 1/2, and other noted horses.

Boll Weevil in Dillon.

"One hears a whole lot of talk these days about the boll weevil and no doubt lots of the tales one hears are greatly exaggerated," said County Agent Epps while talking to a Herald man the other day, "but the Clemson experts who have been camping on the trail of the weevil since he started out this way tell us he is bound to make his appearance in Dillon county this year in uncomfortable numbers. I have been told that you could take them out of stump holes in Kirby township by the handful, but this may be an exaggeration like many other reports that have come to our ears time and again. If the weevil comes in big numbers this year the only way we can beat him is to get off an early crop, and with the crop from 10 to 15 days late at the present time we have got to do some fast work and have some mighty good seasons to get ahead of him."

New Board of Health.

Mayor McLaurin announces the appointment of the following members of the Board of Health who will serve for the ensuing year:

Dr. L. F. Johnson, chairman; Mrs. Cora Hargrove, Mrs. W. C. Moore, Mrs. Lutie Bethea and Mrs. W. E. Caldwell.

The new board has taken the oath of office and have entered upon their duties with the determination to enforce the sanitary laws and make Dillon a "clean town" in every sense of the word. Inspection of public places will be made from time to time and every effort will be made to safeguard the health of the community.

Car Turned Over and Occupants Slightly Injured.

Mr. Rod M. Edens of New York City and his sister, Miss Erma Edens of Clito, S. C., were slightly hurt yesterday morning when a Chalmers automobile driven by Mr. Edens ran off a bridge on the Pembroke road, near Hunter's Lodge. Miss Edens's nose was hurt and Mr. Edens suffered some slight cuts about his face. Mrs. Edens and Miss Florence Edens, other occupants of the car escaped unhurt. Mr. Edens and his sister were carried to the Thompson hospital, where their wounds were dressed. The car was somewhat damaged, it having turned completely over as it left the bridge.

Miss Myrtle Stubbs and little Marion McNair spent Saturday at McLeod Infirmary with Mrs. O. McNair, who underwent an operation for appendicitis.

WAKE FOREST ALUMNI ELECTS OFFICERS.

Mr. L. Cottingham Becomes Vice-President of Historic Organization.

Wake Forest, May 25—Wake Forest began its eighty-sixth commencement today when alumni and alumni activities were given full swing as was planned by the Alumni Association, which had arranged that hereafter the first day of commencement shall be given over to the reunion and activities of former Wake Forests. The base ball game between former Wake Forest diamond stars, especially featured by several of the 1913 South Atlantic championship players, was called off on account of rain.

The day was filled with alumni meetings, the banquet and the regular senior class reception. The Alumni Association held its banquet at Wake Forest Hotel in the early evening, at which time the program of the association for the year was determined. It was decided that the executive committee, consisting of V. O. Parker, T. E. Holding and A. J. Fletcher, should secure a number of alumni who will be responsible for a hundred dollars each to be secured from among the alumni, which shall constitute the budget. The nominating committee named Dr. W. F. Powell, of Asheville, as orator for the next meeting, and R. L. McMillan, of Raleigh, as alternate. Officers of the association for the next year are: V. O. Parker, president; L. Cottingham, vice-president, and T. D. Collins, general secretary. Dr. C. B. Williams of Howard College, made a short talk.

The board of trustees of Wake Forest convened this afternoon, at which time the report of committees was brought up and other matters discussed, which will be definitely acted upon tomorrow morning at their regular business meeting. Several committees were appointed to report on matters Thursday. The board re-elected its officers for the ensuing year, they being Gilbert T. Stephens, of Winston-Salem, president; J. T. J. Battle, Greensboro, vice-president; T. W. Brewer, Raleigh, treasurer; C. J. Hunter, Raleigh, secretary; E. B. Earnshaw, Wake Forest, bursar and assistant secretary; W. N. Jones, Raleigh, attorney; T. B. Briggs, Raleigh, auditor of treasurer's accounts, and R. E. Royall, of Wake Forest, auditor of bursar's accounts. The executive committee, with C. J. Hunter as chairman, and the investigating committee, with Mr. Hunter also as chairman, were re-elected for the year.

Following the alumni banquet, Dr. E. W. Sikes, president of Coker College, and former member of the Wake Forest faculty, delivered the annual alumni address. Dr. Sikes' subject was "The Problem of Ireland," with which he dealt exclusively. Beginning with the early history of the Irish people, Dr. Sikes spoke of the nature and historical development of Ireland down to the present time, stating that the most significant fact in Irish history has been its monotony. Four great grievances Ireland has had, said the speaker, and four great demands she has made, which are: Catholic emancipation and disestablishment of the Irish English Church, the demand that the English landlord should also be disestablished, freedom of commerce with England and the rest of the empire, and legislative independence or home rule.

In discussing the fight for home rule during the past half century, Dr. Sikes spoke of the influence of English statesmen and the means whereby the bill providing for home rule was finally passed. He then discussed the present condition of political affairs in Ireland and their apparent outcome.

After the alumni address the senior reception, which is the foremost social function of commencement, was held.

BUREAU OF INFORMATION AT WASHINGTON.

To The Public:
It is the wish of the President that visitors to the seat of Government shall have every opportunity to get full information concerning all governmental departments.

It is especially his desire that all those who come to transact business with any department or bureau of the Government may quickly be advised as to the exact location and means of reaching the particular department or bureau in which may be centered the business which they desire to transact.

For this purpose there has been established a Bureau of Information on the ground floor of the Post Office Building, located on Pennsylvania Avenue at Twelfth Street which is in charge of competent people who will definitely answer queries of this character.

The public is advised of this arrangement and invited to make use of the facility.

WILL H. HAYES,
Postmaster General.

Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Smith and daughter, Miss Marie, motored to Rock Hill to attend commencement exercises at Winthrop College, where Miss Gladys graduates this week.

ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN.

"Well, what is the news?" asked Mr. H. A. Hasty as he greeted a Herald man Tuesday. When The Herald man told him that news had been scarce for the past several weeks and newspaper men were hard put to get out a readable paper at this season of the year when everybody was at work, Mr. J. Earle Bethea, who was standing near said, "Well, I don't know whether you would call it news, but I saw a very peculiar accident a few days ago. I was out on the Dillon-Latta road where the contractors are working and as you know it is very rough. Along came a man and woman driving a mule to an old side-spring buggy. The buggy was bouncing up and down like a small ship on a choppy sea when all at once one of the springs broke. In the twinkling of an eye the buggy body turned upside down and before the occupants of the buggy were aware of what was happening the mule was tearing down the road like a small cyclone, with the vehicle rattling and bouncing over the rough highway. I looked back to see what had become of the man and woman but they were nowhere in sight. They seemed to have disappeared as completely as if the earth had opened and swallowed them up. After running three or four hundred yards the mule came to a stop and there quietly reposing in the buggy top which had caught them when the body reversed itself were the man and the woman. The woman held a two-gallon jar of milk in her hands which she had swung on to with grim determination during the wild ride down the road. Neither of the occupants of the buggy had suffered a scratch."

Engineer and Fireman Hurt When Jumping—Spur Switch Opened.
Train wreckers are believed to have been responsible for the wreck of Seaboard Air Line passenger train, No. 23, at Scott's siding near Florence. The train ran into an open switch and the engine and baggage car ploughed in the earth at the dead end of the switch for a distance of 150 feet without overturning.
Engineer Iver Harmon leaped from his cab as the engine left the rails and struck the ground with great force. His right shoulder was dislocated and he suffered an ugly gash in his forehead. Other portions of his body were severely bruised. Joe Jenkins, the negro fireman, also jumped and his entire right side is a mass of bruises but he is not seriously hurt.
Both the engineer and the fireman were rushed to the Florence infirmary and their injuries attended to. No passengers on the train were injured although they were rudely shaken. Engineer Harmon says he was maintaining a schedule of 35 miles a hour.
"Since reading in the papers during the past several days of attempts to wreck trains in various parts of the country I have been keeping a close lookout on my line," said Engineer Harmon at the hospital, "but this is a clear piece of track with only the switch and I did not anticipate any trouble here."
"The sign board on the switch showed white, and it was afterward discovered that white paper had been pasted over the red board to indicate a clear track. As I approached the switch I noticed that the board was clear and did not slacken speed. I was dumfounded, therefore, when the engine jerked into the open switch and had no time to slow down before it left the end of the rails, and plowed into the earth."
"I stayed on my engine until it left the rails trying to bring it to a stop. When it hit the ground, however, I realized that the jig was up and fearing that engine would turn over, I made my escape by jumping. The siding at this point is a short one."
It is understood that officials of the Seaboard will make thorough investigation into the cause of the wreck. There is no doubt, however, about the fact that the switch had been tampered with and thrown open. The white paper pasted over the red sign board is also mute testimony of the work of train wreckers.

LANE WROTE OF DEATH.

Former Secretary of Interior Told How it Felt to Be Dying—Leaves Most Remarkable Letter.

That Frank L. Lane, secretary of the interior under Wilson who died last week knew before his death that he was going to die is evidenced by a letter mailed by him to some of his intimate friends in Washington from the hospital in Rochester, Minn., a short time before his death. The message showed that the former secretary had undergone the operation with full consciousness and acceptance of the fact that he might survive. It told in detail of his sensations before, during and after the operation, of which he was fully conscious as the condition of his heart would not permit the use of a general anesthetic. The message follows in part:
"It is Wednesday afternoon and I am sitting up in bed talking to my good friend Cotter. Until yesterday I did not clearly visualize any one thing in this room and did not know that it had a window except that there was a place that noise came through, but I did know that it had a yellow oak door that stared at me with its great big eye all day and all night. Last Friday you see about ten in the morning, I took the step that I should have taken months, yes, years ago.
Today, most tentatively, I crawled into a chair and ate my first mouthful of food. But four days ago I managed to shave myself and I am regarded as pretty spry.
"I have seen death come to men in various ways, some rather novel and western. I once saw a man hanged. And I have seen several men shot, and came very near going out that way myself two or three times but always the other fellow aimed poorly. I was being shot at because I was a newspaper man, and I should have been shot at. There must be public concern in what is printed, as well as its truth, to justify it. That is something that newspapers should get to know in this country. After the earthquake in San Francisco I saw walls toppled out upon a man. And I have had more intimate glimpses still of the picturesque and prostatic ways by which men come to their taking off.
"But never before have I been called upon to deliberately walk into the shadow, and say what you will, it is a great act. I have said during the last month of endless examination, that a man with little curiosity and little humor and a little money, who was not in too great a pain, could enjoy himself studying the ways of doctors and nurses as he journeyed the invalid's path. It was, indeed, made a flowery path for me, as much as any path could be in which a man suffered more humiliation and distress and thwarting and frustration, on the whole, than he did pain.
"But there was a path, the end of which I could not see. I was not compelled to take it. My very latest doctor advised me against taking it. I could live some time without taking it. It was a bet on the high card with a chance to win, and I took it."
At this point occur details regarding the preparations for the operation, with a note of the fact that a general anesthetic could not be applied on account of the patient's heart "which had been cutting up some doozies." The statement continues:
For two days I had had knowledge that this operation was to take place at this time, and my nerves had not been just as good as they should

EFFORT TO WRECK S. A. L.

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Electrocution of Negro a Harrowing Spectacle.

Screaming in mad hysteria, dragging back on the strong hands of two guards that urged him toward the death chamber where doom lay in wait, Will Frazier, New Bern negro, sentenced to die for murder, paid life for life at the State Prison yesterday morning. Apparently consciousness snapped under the strain, the negro was for a full minute very evidently unconscious before the current hit him and snuffed out the flickering spark of life.
Not in all the grim history of the death chamber at the State Prison have prison attendants been called upon to witness so harrowing a spectacle as did the negro present as he came shrieking out of death row, a big, hulking, yellow brute of a man with tears streaming down his face and all semblance of self-control gone from him.—Raleigh News and Observer.

Notice to American Legion Members.

There will be a regular meeting of the Local Post of the American Legion at 8 o'clock Tuesday night, June 7th. Every member is urged to be there. Immediately after the Legion meeting there will be refreshments and smokes accompanied by music furnished by the famous Dunbar Jazz Band for the members of the American Legion Club. Every member is especially urged to be there and help us enjoy the evening.
Jno. C. Henagan, Jr.,
Post Commander.
Chas. S. Stubbs, Adjutant.

have been. Those men who sleep twelve hours perfectly before being electrocuted have evidently led more tranquil lives than I have or have less concern as to the future. Ah, now I was to know the great secret. For 40 years, I have been wondering, wondering. Often I had said to myself that I should summon to my mind when this moment came, some words that would be somewhat a synthesis of my philosophy. Socrates said to those who stood by after he had drunk the hemlock, "no evil can befall a good man, whether he be alive or dead. I don't know how far from that we have gone in these 2,400 years."

"The apothegm, however, was not apposite to me, because it involved a declaration that I was a good man, and I don't know anyone who has the right to so appreciate himself. And I had come to the conclusion that perhaps the best statement my error could be fitted into are the words 'I accept,' which to me meant that if in the law of nature my individual spirit was to go back into the great spirit of oceans, my only way to conform, 'Lead kindly light' the gospel I had. I had."